

Abstract

**Control system and method for supplying pressure means to at least two hydraulic consumers**

Disclosed are a control arrangement and a method for the pressure medium supply of at least two hydraulic consumers that are supplied with pressure medium through the intermediary of a variable displacement pump. In the pressure medium flow path between the consumers and the variable displacement pump a respective meter-in orifice is provided. An adjustment of the variable displacement pump and of the meter-in orifices takes place electronically through the intermediary of a control means in dependence on the target values input by an operator. In accordance with the invention, the meter-in orifice associated with the consumer having the highest load pressure is controlled to open completely, so that the pressure loss across this meter-in orifice is minimum.